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Sometimes, in a campaign, a candi-

date will give the people something

to tell about. And other candidates

tell funny stories in order to keep the

people from thinking.

Paris now steps to the front with the

announcement of the discovery by

physicians that radium is a cure for

certain forms of madness. The doc-

tors, it is asserted, use a serum made

of horse's blood, radium salts having first

been injected into the animal's veins.

Possibly it will be found that this treat-

ment will cure the radium madness

with which the world seems to be af-

flicted just now.

Washington's Birthday this year is

going to be celebrated in an unusual

manner by Chicago. The Windy City

is planning a public reception to 5,000

of its recently naturalized citizens. The

Stars and Stripes will be waved and

the eagle will be allowed to scream,

the same as it was the Fourth of

July. Yet there is a serious side to

it, for it really is a welcoming recep-

tion that is bound to make the new

Americans appreciate their responsi-

bilities, to make better citizens of them,

to educate them and to awaken them

to their vast opportunities. Other

cities would do well to copy.

When prisons are conducted on the

same plan as a modern, first-class hotel

we shall need more of them. The vol-

untary sojourners will be in the ma-

jority. In this generation, however,

these institutions are lacking in the lux-

uries to be expected at a Ritz-Carlton,

and complaints are to be expected from

departing guests accustomed to better

accommodations. Charges made against

the management of the Atlanta peni-

tentiary by a prisoner who has recently

completed his term have been offi-

cially declared to be without founda-

tion. There was nothing new about his

complaints. The great majority of all

prisoners, from no matter what insti-

tution they are released, have about the

same thing to say. It is simply that

they do not find their surroundings

pleasing. And, as we understand it, it

is not the intention that they should.

The Grape Juice "Split."

A silly man, rivaling any concocted

in the "dog days," was given publicity

yesterday, to the effect that the friends

of Secretary of State Bryan charge that

certain "special interests" are inspiring

the publication of "grape juice" stories

concerning the Secretary. Their ob-

ject, so it is solemnly revealed, is to

cause a breach between President Wil-

son and the head of his Cabinet. Their

reason, so it is declared with equal

gravity, is that Mr. Bryan exercises an

influence over the President that is un-

favorable to the "special interests."

So the remedy is to be a "grape

juice split."

Mr. Bryan's friends, it is announced,

will demand an inquiry by Congress

into this "conspiracy." In this they are

to have Republican support as it is fit

and proper. Representative Madden, Re-

publican of Illinois, was quick to real-

ize the situation and to grasp his

opportunity. He is for the investigation,

as all the gayety-loving should be.

Mr. Madden said:

This insidious conspiracy should be

inquired into. Since Congress has

found it necessary to spend part of its

time investigating the causes of hila-

rity of local college students, we ought

to find time to look into the causes of

trouble, if any, between the President

and his chief Cabinet officer, so as to

determine the relation newspaper at-

tacks have to it. Put me down as fa-

voring an investigation.

That covers the entire ground and

we pledge our support to Mr. Madden.

Only, let there be no delay; the in-

family must be nipped in the bud.

Botch of a Bill for Senate.

Do the people of the United States

regard the Capital of the nation with

suspicion or contempt? If they do, then

their views are properly reflected on the

floor of the House of Representatives.

If they do not, they are misrepresented.

The governing body for the District

of Columbia is Congress. Its welfare,

its very existence, depends upon the acts

of the National Legislature. And yet,

whenever legislation affecting the na-

tion's Capital is the business before the

House of Representatives the scene is

one of melancholy desolation. Usually

about forty members are present—on-

ly

POLITICAL PROCESSION.

In every law elected to make the laws

for the people. The others seize the

opportunity to attend to matters of

more importance—to them. This was

the situation on Monday when legisla-

tion inimical to the Capital's interest,

fostered by the sworn enemies of

Washington on the District Committee,

was enacted without a word of protest

or even comment.

Visitors who come to Washington

from all over the country seem proud

of their Capital and make no conceal-

ment of their admiration for it. It is

incredible that they are in sympathy

with the attitude of the men supposed

to represent them—the vast majority of

them, friendly or vigilantly hostile to

the verge of obsession.

It is vain to hope for a change in the

near future, but surely the time must

come when members of the House will

be made to realize that the people of

the United States do not regard their

Capital as enemy's country, but, on the

contrary, consider legislation affecting

it as important as the distribution of

pulsating speeches on the predatory

proclivities of the potato bug.

Meantime it devolves upon the Sen-

ate to take up the ludicrous botch of a

measure as it left the House and make

some legislation of the District of Co-

lumbia appropriation bill.

The Deadly Grade Crossing.

The protest filed with the Maryland

public service commission against the

maintenance of the grade crossing of the

Baltimore and Ohio Railway at Hyatt-

sville should have all the support that

the people of this community can give it.

As The Washington Herald has

so often stated, most recently in

connection with the disaster at a grade

crossing in Alexandria County within

walking distance of the Capital, the

people of the District are interested, as

possible victims, in not only the grade

crossings now remaining in the Dis-

trict, but also those in the country

roundabout through which District resi-

dents so frequently travel.

Information given to the commission

included the fact that more than thirty

persons have been killed at the cross-

ing which it is desired to have discon-

tinued. Despite the precautions taken

against accidents there can be no com-

plete security from the crossing while it

exists.

It would be to the interest of both

the railway and the people to have the

grade crossing abolished, and abolished

at once. There is no excuse for it. If

it is the railway's duty to construct an

overhead or an underground crossing

the railway should construct it and

pay for it. If this duty is the people's

the people should do so. If the duty

lies, in whatever proportions, upon both,

both should do it. But they should do

it now. A grade crossing in a popu-

lous country is far more anomalous than

a woodburning locomotive.

The crossing at Hyattsville is but one

of many that should be abolished. These

intersections at grade of rail and public

road where steam traffic and the pas-

sage of individuals seem opposed as in

deadly enmity are numerous. They

should have an instant attention from

officials and railways jointly responsi-

ble for their maintenance.

The occasional robbery of a country

bank indicates that the yeggmind does

not turn over any new leaves.

The Tammany crowd are now be-

ginning to realize how it feels to be

on the outside looking in.

It looks as if Mr. Morgan is going

to let the other fellows shoulder the

blame if things go wrong.

A wealthy American has paid \$300,-

000 for a painting by Titian. It looks

like a waste of money, of course, but

it was better than paying that amount

for a French count or an Italian duke.

When you see a man with a patch

of face powder on his shoulder it is a

mighty good sign that he is not mar-

ried.

Hon. Thomas R. Marshall has shown

the country that it is possible for a

man to be Vice President and be

cheerful at the same time.

Our sympathies are hereby extended

to the merchant who stocked up on

snow shovels at the beginning of the

season.

It would be more expensive, of

course, but father would get a lot bet-

ter treatment if Christmas came five

or six times a year.

The Republican get-together move-

ment seems to have been lost in the

holiday rush.

It strikes us that the Michigan cop-

per mine owners have a lot of brass.

Kansas City has established a munic-

ipal shoe shop. We wonder how long

it will last?

Huerta compares Mexico to a snake.

And what we want to know is: Why

doesn't Mexico strike back?

The currency bill is out of the way,

but the coal bill still has to be reck-

oned with.

In old times a wife was regarded as

her husband's better half, but now she

wants to be the whole thing.

The cost of living ought to be

cheaper in Mexico, since Huerta and

Villa and the others have reduced the

number of persons living down there.

POLITICAL PROCESSION.

The few Ohio Republicans doing busi-

ness in Washington, including Senator

Burton and three House members, were

stirred up some when they learned of

Senator Foraker's arrival and his possi-

ble projection as a candidate to suc-

ceed Burton. There was a remark that

time passes quickly in the political game,

and it hardly seems five years since

Foraker went from the Senate March 4,

1908. Although he sold his big house

in Sixteenth street he has retained an

apartment opposite, and found his old

home awaiting him as a matter of course

days, without the usual waiting of con-

stituents demanding office and attention

from administrations not over friendly

to the Ohio leader.

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